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INFORMATION FROM "MOLE" ABOUT ALLIED (INCLUDING BRITISH) POSTWAR
POLICY IN GERMANY (1945)

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[Part I] To the 8th Department.

Information from "MOLE[KRST]"[i].

1. According to Colonel Bernard BERNSTEIN[BERNSHTEJN][ii] (see our No. 773[a]
who recently returned from GERMANY, where he

[43 groups unrecoverable]

firms [9 groups unrecovered] "SAILOR[MLTROS]"[iii] approved [2 groups unrecovered]
BERSTEIN

[11 groups unrecovered]

in order to find out all about the dealings of the most important German cor-
porations[KORPORATsII]. BERNSTEIN intends [5 groups unrecovered], but he

[17 groups unrecovered]

Wall Street who[b] was[c] sent to GERMANY by the "IZBA"[iv] and the "ARSENAL"[v]
[4 groups unrecovered] "SAILOR"

[13 groups unrecovered]

to "NABOB"[vi], "[5 groups unrecovered]. Senate investigations show that

[46 groups unrecovered]

he will have to have [5 groups unrecovered] information does not guarantee that
[6 groups unrecovered] the purpose which he[d] [4 groups unrecovered]

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2. BERNSTEIN says that at the present time there are more than 4,400,000 German prisoners of war in American hands [8 groups unrecovered] BERNSTEIN [2 groups unrecovered] labour force for the reconstruction of the ruined

[22 groups unrecovered]

period) BERNSTEIN says that the American [5 groups unrecovered] against its publication on the grounds that he apparently wishes

[2 groups unrecovered]

[31 groups unrecoverable]

questions

[50 groups unrecovered]

Geoffrey [2 groups unrecovered]ER [DZHEOFREJER][vii],

[17 groups unrecoverable]

then[o] [5 groups unrecovered]", use[f] in [5 groups unrecovered] and the argument is put forward that even if the people of the "ISLAND[OSTOV]"[viii] [5 groups unrecovered], the "ISLAND[OSTOVNOJ]" government [1 group unrecovered] about "[3 groups unrecovered]"

5. In 5 to 10 years' time the attitude of the "ISLAND

[23 groups unrecoverable]

German industry ought not to be exaggerated, inasmuch as

[32 groups unrecovered]

[Part II]6. The "ISLANDERS[OSTROVITYANE]"[ix] have just appointed Sir Percy MILLS as their senior member in the Economic section of the Control Commission,

[1 group unrecovered]

[44 groups unrecoverable]

objections of the "TOWNSPEOPLE[GOROZHANE]"[x]. The heavy industry of the RUHR[RUR] will give the "ISLANDERS" a very good opportunity for controlling German industry as a whole: or as part of their imperialist plans, they can use it as a weapon against the French: or

[31 groups unrecoverable]

from factories [6 groups unrecovered] United Nations as reparations and is[g] using every [4 groups unrecovered] excessive [1 group unrecovered] to forestall the removal of these industrial enterprises. Incidentally B.[xi] emphasizes that the destruction caused by allied [6 groups unrecovered] there is heavy destruction of dwellings, factories and

[16 groups unrecovered]

at the present time a difference of opinion can be observed [2 groups unrecoverable] control of German industry. French industry which is linked to German industry - in particular [3 groups unrecovered] industry - is under pressure from the "ISLANDERS["[h] but now that the latter control the RUHR[RUR] and do not wish to

[88 groups unrecovered]

is[g] now being appointed by the French to work on finance [2 groups unrecovered] in

[19 groups unrecoverable]

with GERMANY.

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9. Officials of the American Army of Occupation consider that GERMANY ought not to starve but they have not the relevant information showing what sum is at the disposal

[14 groups unrecovered]

for GERMANY. [3% In connection with] [1 groups unrecovered] aid to GERMANY said that in GERMANY civilian transport had been destroyed and that, therefore, it was essential to preserve [6 groups unrecovered] industry in order to ensure that food supplies are sent to GERMANY. This is a permanent [1 group unrecovered] leading in fact to the preservation of German industry.

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VADIM[xii]

Notes: [a] Not available.

[b] or "which".

[c] or "were".

[d] or "she/they".

[e] or "their".

[f] or "uses".

[g] or "are".

[h] Inserted by translator.

Comments: [i] MOLE: Unidentified covername.

[ii] Colonel Bernard BERNSTEIN: Director Finance Division, U.S. Group Control Commission (for Germany) 1944-45.

[iii] SAILOR: Harry S. TRUMAN.

[iv] IZBL: The Office of Strategic Services.

[v] ARSENAL: U.S. War Department.

[vi] NABOB: Henry MORGENTHAU, Jr., U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

[vii] Geoffrey ...ER: Not known.

[viii] ISLAND: Coverword for GREAT BRITAIN.

[ix] ISLANDERS: The British.

[x] TOWNPEOPLE: The Americans.

[xi] B. Presumably Colonel Bernard BERNSTEIN see comment [ii].

[xii] VADIM: Anatolij Borisovich GROMOV, First Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in WASHINGTON.

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